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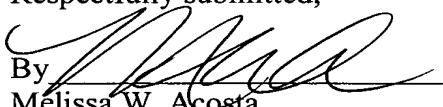
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Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Second Preliminary Amendment (4 pages)
2. Return Postcard

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.